



ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

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Navigation And Operating Area Notations

**TO: SHIPOWNERS & SHIPS' OPERATORS & MANAGERS
SURVEYORS TO FLAG STATE ADMINISTRATION
CLASSIFICATION SOCIETIES**

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Classification Societies assign Class Navigation and operating area notations according to their Class Rules and Regulations requirements.

The navigation notation **Unrestricted Navigation** is assigned to a ship intended to operate in any area at any period of the year.

The meaning of this navigation notation is common to all Classification Societies and it is clearly understood by all interested parties.

The navigation notations **other than Unrestricted Navigation** and operating area notations are assigned to a ship which is not intended to operate in any area and any period of the year.

The limits of these navigation notations and operating area notations are not common to all Classification Societies and they are not clearly understood by all interested parties.

Some Classification Societies assigning navigation notations **other than Unrestricted Navigation** and relevant operating area notations, issue an ATTACHEMENT to the Classification Certificate describing the limited operations.

Others Classification Societies do not issue the above mentioned Attachment.

In both cases the limited operations are not recorded on the Load Line and Safety Construction Certificates.

Limited operations have safety implications.

Recently this Maritime Administration has been questioned by various Port State Control offices about this matter.

To ships flying St. Vincent and the Grenadines Flag, having navigation notations **other than Unrestricted Navigation** and relevant operating area notations, Classification Societies are requested, at the first annual Load Line / Safety Construction survey or Load Line / Safety Construction Certificates renewal survey, whichever occur earlier, to endorse a Note on said Certificates re-calling the limited operations indicated on the Attachment to the Classification Certificate or simply indicated on the Classification Certificate.